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EQUILIBRATING EUROPE.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING AT CANNES.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MAY FOLLOW.

LONDON, December 22.

Prior to the supreme council meeting at Cannes there will be a series of meetings of business men and financiers both in London and in Paris with representatives of the respective governments followed by joint discussions in Paris at which some Ministers will probably be present. The result of these conversations will be reviewed at Cannes and according to British sources it is not improbable that a proposal to convene a general European economic conference will be considered, the Allies deciding what nations are to be invited. There has been no serious difference in London as regards reparations but naturally this cannot be dissociated from the larger question of the economic restoration of Europe.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE DEEMED UNNECESSARY.

LONDON, December 22.

After the final meeting of the Premiers this morning M. Briand stated that agreement had been reached practically on all points. It is understood that whatever ideas were entertained in responsible quarters regarding the eventual summoning of a European financial conference including Germany and Russia they have now been definitely abandoned.

The Cannes meeting will pay close attention to the economic restoration of Europe therefore a separate conference is deemed unnecessary. Moreover Germany and Russia may be consulted diplomatically as occasion requires while the American Ambassador, Col. Harvey attend officially with a watching brief.

THE TROUBLE IN INDIA.

QUESTION OF ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

CALCUTTA, December 22.

The Viceroy informed a deputation of representatives of the provinces that the round table conference mentioned in the cables on December 20 will be impossible unless an assurance is forthcoming that the non-cooperators will cease delaying the law.

[The earlier cable stated: "There is an important development in the political situation in consequence of Lord Reading consenting to receive on 21st December a deputation of representatives of the provinces, which will urge the desirability of a round-table conference. It is believed that Gandhi will attend."]]

CHINESE L. O. N. DELEGATE.

LONDON, December 22.

Doctor Chou Wei, the legal expert of the Chinese delegation to the League of Nations has returned to Geneva from London.

COMMONWEALTH CRICKET.

ADELAIDE, December 22.

New South Wales beat South Australia by 17 runs. New South Wales made 360, Townsend taking 5 wickets for 60. South Australia made 376, including a century by Pritchard. In their second innings New South Wales made 439 and South Australia 405. For South Australia Smith made 104 and Townsend 117.

RUSSIAN RIGHTS IN CHINA.

M. CHITCHERIN'S CLAIM.

LONDON, December 22.

M. Chitcherina declares that Russia's rights in connection with the East China railway will remain unimpaired until an agreement is reached between a Russian delegation appointed for the purpose and the Chinese government.

RAILWAY COLLISION CASUALTIES.

VENICE, December 22.

Casualties in the collision between the Paris and Trieste-Rome expresses were five killed and thirty injured.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY'S APPEAL.

LONDON, December 22.

The Privy Council has granted the Grand Trunk Railway Company leave to appeal from the finding of the arbitration tribunal in connection with expropriation.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/6 7/8.

To-day's opening rate 2/6 7/8.

THE IRISH TREATY.

DAIL DEBATE ADJOURNED.

SPEECH TIME LIMIT PROPOSED.

VOTE IMPROBABLE BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

LONDON, December 22.

The Dail has adjourned till January 3.

TOO MUCH TALKING.

LATER.

The adjournment of the Dail Eireann followed the failure of parties (after an acrimonious debate) to agree on the limitation of speeches without which it will evidently be impossible to reach a vote before Christmas. Mr. Collins moved the adjournment and the Countess Markievicz seconded.

The Ratificationists proposed and the secessionists opposed the time limit. During the ensuing heated speeches both sides professed their willingness to sit continuously till a decision was reached. Mr. Collins foresaw a national advantage in adjourning over Christmas but Mr. McEneaney, in moving an amendment to continue till a decision said there was a grave national danger. Eventually the amendment was rejected by 77 votes to 44. The news was received with great dissatisfaction by the crowd outside.

THE NAVAL ARGUMENT.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

FRENCH DEMANDS CONSIDERED.

WASHINGTON, December 22.

The naval committee of fifteen with experts met this morning. A communique simply states that the Chairman explained what had taken place in the sub-committees and a general discussion followed. It is understood that they discussed the French demands with reference to light craft. It is stated that Mr. Hughes has received another communication from M. Briand.

TROUBLE IN CAIRO.

NATIONALIST LEADER DEPORTED.

CAIRO, December 22.

The military authorities forbade the Nationalist leader Zaglul Pasha to participate in politics and ordered him and eight prominent supporters to return to their villages. They refused and consequently will be deported there by the military to-morrow. Excited crowds gathered in the vicinity of Zaglul's house and elsewhere two demonstrators were killed and six wounded in collisions with the police.

DUTCH CONSTITUTION REVISION.

BILL PASSES SECOND CHAMBER.

THE HAGUE, December 22.

The Second Chamber of the States-General has passed the Bill for the revision of the constitution.

IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF.

EARL CAVAN TO BE NEW CHIEF.

LONDON, December 22.

Earl Cavan will be appointed Chief of the Imperial General Staff in succession to Sir Henry Wilson when the latter retires on February 19.

OBITUARY.

THE HON. HENRY WATTERSON.

JACKSONVILLE (FLORIDA), December 22.

The death of the Hon. Henry Waterson is announced.

The Hon. Henry Waterson L.L.B., D.C.L. edited the *Courier Journal* in Louisville from 1863 to 1899 when he retired. He was Confederate Staff Officer and Chief of Scouts, 1861-5 and member of congress 1875-77 and was a prominent member of several political bodies in America. He repeatedly declined office.

WIFE OF PROFESSOR H. A. GILES.

LONDON, December 22.

The death has occurred of the wife of Professor H. A. Giles, Professor of Chinese at Cambridge University.

THE NAVAL ARGUMENT.

ABOLITION OF SUBMARINES.

BRITAIN, PLOUGHS LONELY FURROW.

WASHINGTON, December 22.

None of the powers supported the argument for the abolition of submarines when Lord Lee presented it to the full naval committee of the conference. M. Garmant and Signor Schanzer, registered France and Italy's opposition and Japan took practically the same stand although the Japanese regarded German submarines as barbarous. The American advisory committee's report also opposed abolition, but the delegation declared that it held and open mind pending consideration of the British and other statements.

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NOTICES.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZEGIVING.

The prize giving season is in full swing. To-day it was the turn of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians. Mrs. Claud Severn presented the awards and those present at the function included Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. W. S. Jackson and Mr. U. Rumiya. After he had expressed gratification at the circumstance that Mrs. Severn had again consented to present the prizes, the acting Head Master (Mr. A. O. Brown) read his report, given below. Mr. Claud Severn, replying on behalf of his wife, noted with pleasure that the school gardens were now flourishing and congratulated the school on the way it vanquished the University second XI yesterday. Later he referred with pleasure to the presence of Sir Ellis Kadoorie who, he said, showed thereby his continued interest in the welfare of the school.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.
The Head Master's Report for 1921 stated:—

ATTENDANCE

During the year 1921 the School has been open 228 days—four more days than the previous year. The maximum enrolment was 116 before Classes 2 and 3 were transferred to Queen's College, after that it was 101. The average attendance was 92. This is eight less than previous year and is due to the withdrawal of Classes 2 and 3.

The percentage of attendance is also 92. This seems extraordinarily high when everything is considered—the climate and the distance—the boys live from school. Boys come from Pokfulam, Kennedy Town, Quarry Bay, Shaukiwan, Gun Club Hill, Hung Hom, Yau Ma Tei and even Sheung Shui near Peking.

STAFF

The Staff consists of an English headmaster, three Indian and two Chinese Assistants. The headmaster, Mr. Sutherland went on leave on March 17, and returned to the School on December 1. Mr. Brown was transferred from Wanchai to act as headmaster during this period.

FEES

The fees are \$2.00 per month, for Classes 2 and 3 they \$3.00. Fees collected during the year amount to \$2,123. Since May an Admission Fee of \$2.00 has been required. The Government provides one external and four internal scholarships. Sir Ellis Kadoorie and Messrs. Arculli, Nemazee and U. Rumiya very generously pay the fees of forty boys.

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

The buildings and grounds have had a double burden to bear. The Indian School extended its hospitality to the Praya East School until its new quarters are completed. The Praya East School has shown its appreciation of this by inviting the Indian School to its lunch picnics. The Botanical Department has erected a big fence round the garden and thus deprived the deer of a favourite feeding place. The School needs more equipments for teaching purposes.

DISCIPLINE

The general tone of the school is excellent. Prefects were instituted in April and they have materially assisted in raising the tone of the School and in promoting a spirit of good comradeship among the boys—boys of many races and creeds and from all parts of Southern Asia.

ORGANISATION AND STUDIES

Classes 2 and 3 were transferred to Queen's College in February. There they have a laboratory and other benefits. Class 4 was examined in December by the newly formed Examining Board and 100 per cent. passed. At the Annual Examination of the remainder of the school 100 per cent. of Classes 5 and 6 passed, 95 per cent. of Class 7, 93 per cent. of Class 8A and 58 per cent. of class 8B. Of the whole school 87 per cent. passed—9 per cent. more than in the previous year.

Arithmetic, Grammar and History are weak in Classes 4 and 5. All other subjects are good. Classes 6 and 7 are excellent throughout except in Urdu. Class 8 is very good at the top end, but has a long tail due to the extreme youth of many of the boys.

HEALTH

The health of the boys has been excellent. This may be attributed to the avidity with which all the boys join in games, to the excellent situation of the school and to its spacious and beautiful grounds.

ATHLETICS

Tennis has not been played much this year. The boys are much keener on cricket and football and played ping pong in the tiffin hour during the summer months. Cricket matches have been played with the Diocesan School, St. Joseph's College, Kowloon School and the University in addition to matches between the Staff, the prefects and the Rest. In the Junior Football League the School has won six matches and lost one. This year the school had its first Athletic Sports which interested

SPECIAL CABLE.

SHANGHAI MAN CHARGED.

TWENTY-SIX COMPLAINANTS.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI Dec. 23.

G. B. Leicester, was charged at the Police Court yesterday with obtaining fifty dollars from a Chinese. On the question of a remand it was stated that there were twenty-five complainants in court in connection with charges of a similar nature. Bail was allowed in a \$2,000 surety from the accused and sureties of \$2,000 each from British subjects. The hearing was adjourned to next Thursday. The accused is well known on the China Coast.

BEEN VACCINATED?

THE GOVERNMENT'S CAMPAIGN.

Several Hongkong firms have already had their staffs vaccinated and very shortly the Government will be offering special facilities to members of the general public to come along and be inoculated against small pox.

Peak residents are to be attended to first. A vaccination depot will be opened next week in the Government bungalows opposite the Peak School and vaccinations will be done there free. Other stations are to be established in Victoria and over at Kowloon. Dr. Woodman will be in charge of the campaign and Mr. To, will help him by persuading the Chinese to come forward and be vaccinated. Both valuable work in the 1917 epidemic and their experience should prove useful.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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and received the support of the whole Indian Community. Mr. U. Rumiya, whom the School congratulates on his appointment to the Education Board, distributed the prizes to which he added a very handsome Championship Bowl and challenge Cup. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Kitchell also gave fine challenge Cups, and the Moslem Club gave a beautiful gold medal.

CONCLUSION

The School very sincerely thanks all these gentlemen for their gifts and also all those who subscribed to the Sports Fund; all the old boys for their practical assistance in all outdoor activities; Sir Ellis Kadoorie and Messrs. Arculli, Nemazee and U. Rumiya for paying so many schools fees; Messrs. Cassim Ahmed, Mohideen and Akbar for their donations to the Prize Fund; the Indian Recreation Club for so many times lending their grounds and pavilion, and the Kowloon Cricket Club for their gifts of plants and seeds for the garden.

I wish finally to thank Mr. Bishen Singh and his colleagues for their whole-hearted support in class-room, play-ground and garden.

THE PRIZE LIST.

Class 4.—Government Scholarship at Q. C. Moor's Hassan; Sir Ellis Kadoorie Scholarship at Q. C. Dawood Mohamed; 1st Class Prize, Talok Singh; 2nd Class Prize, F. M. Arculli; Composition prize, Moosa Hassan; Urdu Prize, Talok Singh.

Class 5.—Government Scholarship at E.K.I.S. Surjan Singh; 1st Class Prize, Surjan Singh; 2nd Class Prize, A. Rumiya; 3rd Class Prize, M. Hanib; Composition Prize, Surjan Singh; Urdu Prize, Surjan Singh.

Class 6.—Government Scholarship O. Hassan; 1st Class Prize, O. Hassan; 2nd Class Prize, Osman Sadick; 3rd Class Prize, A. M. Rumiya; Composition Prize, Hassan; Urdu Prize, Mit Singh.

Class 7.—Government Scholarship, Harbans Singh; 1st Class Prize, Harbans Singh; 2nd Class Prize, Noor Ahmed; 3rd Class Prize, Bachan Singh; Composition Prize, Noor Ahmed; Urdu Prize, Harbans Singh.

Class 8. A.—Government Scholarship, Gurbachan Singh; 1st Class Prize, Gurbachan Singh; 2nd Class Prize, Bashir Ahmed; 3rd Class Prize, Mohamed Moosa; Urdu Prize, Dost Mohamed.

Class 8. B.—1st Class Prize, Teja Singh; 2nd Class Prize, S. Osman; 3rd Class Prize, Ghulam Mustafa.

SUMMARY OF AUCTIONS.

FORTHCOMING SALES.

December 23.—Crown Land, at P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.
January 6.—Hughes and Hough: Government stores (Gunmetal, old brass and steel etc.), R.A.O.S. Depot, Queen's Road East, 10 a.m.

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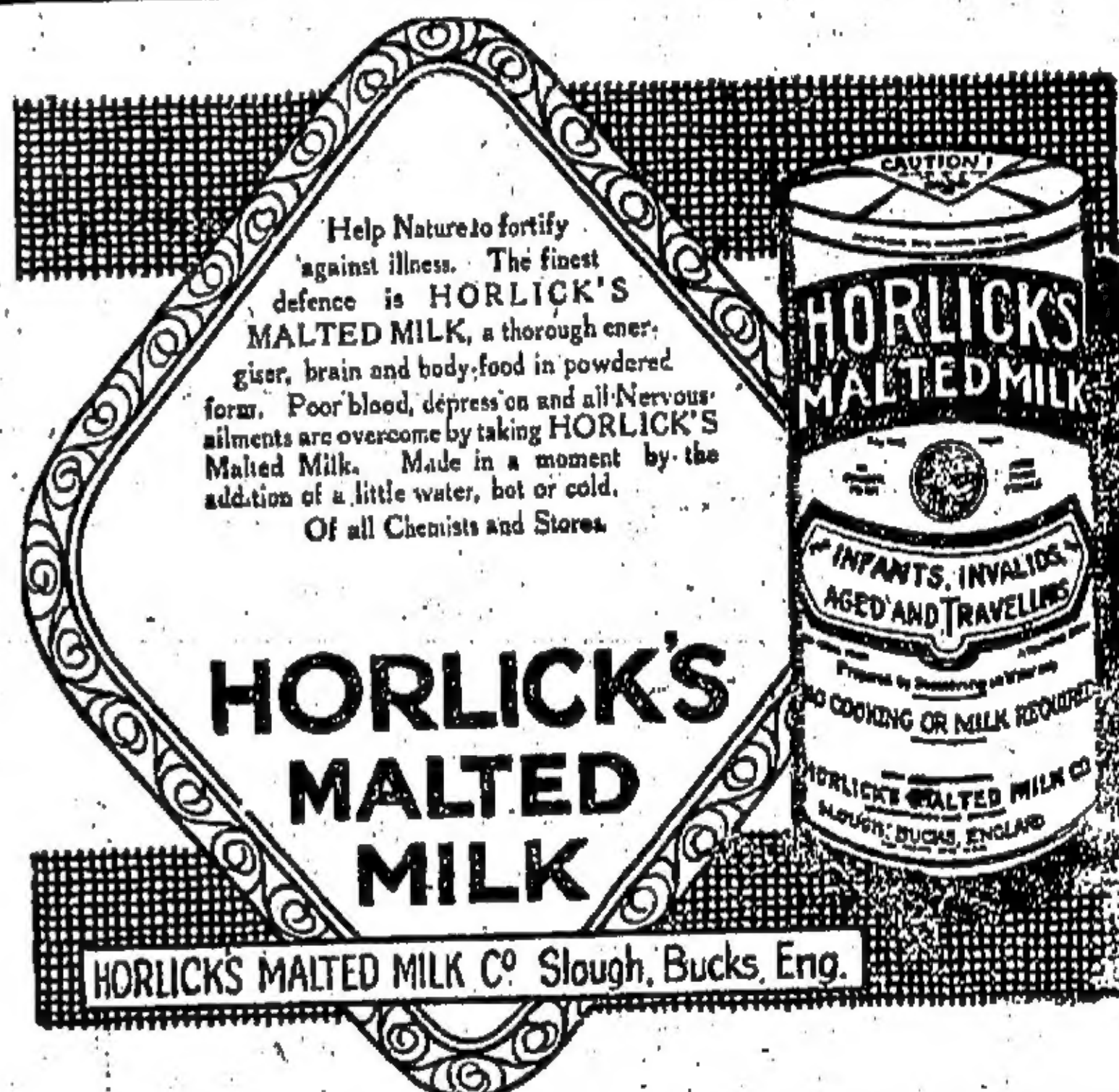
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QUEEN ELIZABETH.**SEARCH FOR PROOF OF AN INHERITED TAIN.**

For centuries controversy has raged round the private character of Anne Boleyn's splendid daughter, but the better informed of Elizabeth's own contemporaries seem to have had grave doubts of the truth of the scandals which have gathered round her name.

In "The Private Character of Queen Elizabeth" (John Lane, 18s. net) Mr. Frederick Chamberlain subjects the whole evidence to a fresh and exhaustive examination, and, with the help of documents hitherto neglected, arrives at a very plausible vindication of her whom he declares to be "by far the greatest woman of history; not only the greatest monarch who has ever occupied the throne of England, but, with the exceptions of Alexander, Napoleon, and Caesar, the greatest monarch who has ever occupied any throne."

Elizabeth had many faults, but it is quite impossible to doubt that she was endowed to quite an extraordinary degree with the kingly capacity for judging men. She could pick her servants with unerring wisdom, and most people who read Mr. Chamberlain's book will be satisfied that in relying upon Leicester so much as she did she made no mistake, and that, far from being the brainless top painted by some historians, he was an exceptionally bold and sagacious statesman.

COURAGE AND ASTUTENESS.

In the long struggle with her sister Mary, the evidences of her future greatness were easily to be discerned, for she displayed a combination of undaunted courage with an astuteness amazing in a young and inexperienced girl. For years she was in daily, almost in hourly, peril of her life, but her great heart never failed her, and her sagacity thwarted every effort of Mary to draw her into making some false step.

She was always fighting against persistent ill-health. Mr. Chamberlain has submitted the known symptoms of her ailments to a number of high medical authorities with the object of discovering whether or not she had inherited syphilis from her licentious father. Apparently no definite verdict can be reached, but we must accept the fact that, from whatever cause, bad health was almost continuously added to the other burdens—and no monarch ever had heavier—she was called upon to bear.

Of her statecraft, Mr. Chamberlain acutely says: "She was always prepared to renounce anything, if its loss would strengthen her hold upon some

SEX QUESTIONS.**AND THE CHURCH.**

Discussing Lord Dawson's recent remarks on the sex question, Bishop Weldon says:

"For my own part I cannot but hold that, according to the Christian law, God has ordained a certain means for the procreation of children for the purpose of perpetuating the human family in the world, and that man acts against the will of God if he seeks to enjoy the pleasure which those means afford without accepting the consequences which they entail. It would seem to me that a society in which sexual union was regarded only as a gratification of human passion would sink below the Christian standard."

I have only to add that the measure which has lately been suggested by Sir James Crichton Browne for the avoidance of venereal disease does not, I think, deserve the censure of the Church, but it is remedial, not prophylactic—that is, it follows and does not precede the action which entails, or may entail, disease.

It would seem to me that the Church is as little entitled to forbid the use of remedies which may spare many thousands of innocent women and children the pain of unmerited suffering as she would have been to prohibit the use of anæsthetic medicines in child-birth, because it was laid down in the Book of Genesis that "the woman should bring forth children in sorrow." I think if God permits the discovery of a remedy which will mitigate the sufferings of humanity He would not forbid the use of that remedy."

other thing that she valued more: and it is clear that she often made more friends by her surrenders to public opinion than by her victories over it. The lack of this quality in Mary, her predecessor, and in James, her own successor, goes far to explain their comparative failure."

As regards her morality, the author of this most interesting study concludes that most, if not all, of the charges were the outcome of spite or disappointment on the part of those who had tried to win favour at her Court and had failed. No doubt she was fond of admiration, but she saw very clearly how to strengthen her own position by encouraging it. Beyond this she was probably almost sexless.

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 22nd.—The ratification of the Pacific Pact by the United States Senate is regarded as doubtful. The endorsement prospects are not improved by Mr. Harding's unfortunate interpretation of the agreement affecting the islands of Japan, although it resulted in his subsequent statement accepting the American Delegation's interpretation. The disclaimer, however, is unlikely to be the matter for the Anti-Pact Senators at the Washington Conference. The agreement is already making play with the argument that the Treaty is so vague that even the President and the Secretary of State cannot agree as to its meaning. Another argument likely to be employed is that the pact imposes a moral duty on the United States to assist Japan against attacks from China, or eventually Russia. The opinion is offered that some inter-pretative rider will be added or that ratification by the Senate will be made up reservations designed to fix the meaning indisputably.

The whole episode is regarded as particularly unfortunate because Japan has been the subject of long and lively committee discussion, the Japanese at first holding that inclusion of their homeland was a blow to their dignity. Another subject attracting attention at Washington is the Shantung Railway deadlock. There is an impression that Japan's demand for a wish to retain the railway is a control while sacrificing merely its administration.

PARIS, December 22nd.—In an interview with Le Matin, M. Briand, commenting upon the naval situation after the Washington Conference, stated that whereas France willingly agreed to a reduced quota of capital ships she must insist upon retaining small and speedy cruisers and submarines to protect her own means, her immense coastline and to keep in touch with every corner of the colonial empire. Zanzibar.

WASHINGTON, December 22nd.—In the Senate, Mr. Reed returned to the attack on the Quadruple Agreement and declared that Mr. Harding's statement, made on December 19th, showed that the Japanese statesmen again had "the long end of diplomatic negotiations." He added in this connection: "We may wake up to-morrow and find that we have agreed to defend the whole British Empire as that might well include insular possessions and Dominions."

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

LONDON, December 22nd.—The Prince of Wales returned on Thursday morning from big game shooting in the jungles of Nepal, resuming his tour of British India. He arrived at Patna leaving the train at Palacca Ghat and steaming down the Ganges, along the banks of which this picturesque city with its magnificent old Buddhist temples stretches for seven miles. He held a Durbar on Bankipore maidan in the morning and played polo in the afternoon. The usual harp was proclaimed, resulting in the closing of all hazards, but the steady influx of villagers around, in motors lent by the authorities, caused fair-sized crowds along the routes.

DUTCH EAST INDIES LOAN.

THE HAGUE, December 22nd.—The Government declares that there is no reason to fear American intervention in the affairs of the East Indies in consequence of the proposed loan, as declared yesterday that the sanction of the American Government to raise a loan in the United States is unnecessary.

EXPRESS TRAINS COLLIDE.

VENICE, December 22nd.—An express from Paris collided with the Trieste-Rome express on the bridge crossing the Piave. No details are available.

AUSTRIAN FINANCES.

VIENNA, December 22nd.—The Government has obtained Parliamentary powers compelling everybody residing in Austria immediately to exchange holdings of foreign bank-notes, bills and foreign credits for state bonds in either foreign or national currency. The maximum penalty for failure to comply is ten years' hard labour.

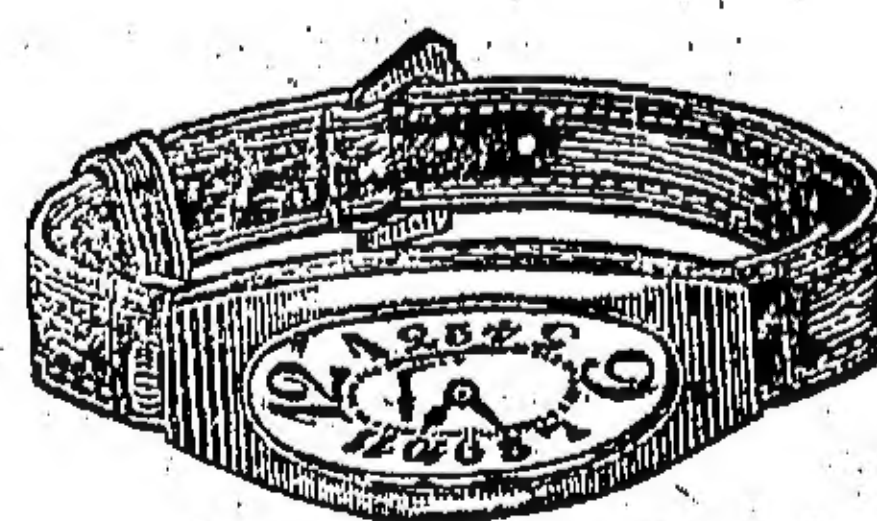
CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS KILLED.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, December 22nd.—Twelve Christmas shoppers were killed and 40 injured through an explosion of gas in a draper's shop.

PRIME MINISTER'S CONFERENCE.

PARIS, December 22nd.—The exchange of views between M. Briand and Mr. Lloyd George is proceeding in London satisfactorily, a more friendly tone prevailing throughout. According to French special representatives, the French experts submitted facts and figures showing that Germany is perfectly able to meet the next payments she so wishes. M. Briand and Lord Curzon are now to take up the question of the Franco-Turkish agreement, and the Greek-Turkish mediation. Yet the chief object of the conversations remain Europe's economic reconstruction. According to L'Echo de Paris an All-European Conference is to meet in January at the French Riviera.—Havas.

His friends in various parts of the Peninsula, states the Straits Times, will be grieved to hear that Mr. T. d'Almeida, who during the last 10 years was engaged in teaching English in various schools in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Penang, passed away at the age of 69, a few days ago. The cause of death being consumption. Deceased, whose father officiated in Singapore for a number of years as Consul-General for Portugal, was employed for a several years as a teacher in the Boys' School, Penang, and lately took to private tuition there. He was a native of Mr. P. A. de Souza, in whose house he had been brought up. The interment took place at the Catholic Cemetery, the Rev. J. T. de Vique of the parish, officiating.

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THE MIND OF THE OFFICER.

Everybody respects. Brigadier-General Macnaghten. Young men who have not joined his League, young men who have joined what we regard, but he does not, as the opposition association, have expressed their warm liking and admiration for him—in our hearing—and since his speech at the Legion meeting. It was, we quite agree, an honest, manly, soldierly speech. But it is most important to notice this—it is the speech of an honest and upright gentleman who is also an army officer, of high rank, who simply cannot help taking the point of view of an army officer, or thinking the thoughts of an army officer. For instance, he said the Legion rules had been approved by Earl Haig; he did not think it was up to us (the Legion) to criticize him; if these rules were good enough for Haig, etc., etc. That is proper talk as from an army officer to soldiers. It is in accordance with discipline that what is good enough for Earl Haig, in military matters, should be good enough for a loyal and duty-loving brigadier or private. It is not suitable argument to address to a body of free citizens, one of whose biggest war experiences was to be shocked into thoughtful and serious political opinions. No longer would they regard parliamentary elections as semi-sporting events. Politicians at home were talking about making "a hind fit for heroes to live in." By jove! I would have something to say about that. Many of them made the gravest resolutions on these lines, of making a keener, a more intelligent

and active interest in the administration of their country. One of the things they had marked was "militarism." Were they not fighting German militarism? They decided that it would not do on our side either. Given a similar crisis in the future, they would do again what they did then. Never doubt that. But they are "set" against militarism. Some of them are here in Hongkong, and we hope the Brigadier-General will be unduly shocked by this) it was his own speech at the origin of the local Legion that alienated their sympathy. It was so very clearly to be a semi-professional organization. That is why so many ex-service men here have not joined. Enquiry will satisfy him of this. They do not hide their reasons. It does not explain all the abstentions. There are others, less numerous, who retain those political resolutions made in the trenches, and who consider that the Legion has been "nobbed," and arranged with the idea of keeping them and their kind quiet. We are trying to be as frank and open as he was, but it is obvious that we ought not to develop that point further. The League of Youth manifesto, and the publications of the French ex-service association, should be studied in this connection. The French show developed into a pro-communist body; the British associations have not gone so far, and are not likely to; but they are politically against the bad old system of secret diplomacy and misgovernment by old men who do not have to suffer to repair their own mistakes. The type we are thinking of are hostile even to the Legion as a benevolent society. They say that trench comrades should not be reduced to accept charity, if the politicians did their duty and kept their plums. That also is a point we need not labour. It will be sufficient to note that locally the deserving cases cannot be sufficient to need a Legion to help them. At present these heroes

have been kept so busy getting jobs, and getting settled down after their disturbing careers in the army, that their political ideas are rather in abeyance. They are, however, still conscious of them, and their attitude toward the Legion is one of suspicious aloofness. The other, the new Association, is so clearly and transparently only a means of getting the fellows together, the men who felt the same feelings at the same time and in the same surroundings, that it does not embarrass them politically. It will flourish. It is very doubtful that the local Legion will—after the Prince has gone.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Ladies are requested to send in their names and addresses for free inclusion in the Dollar Directory.

The annual Police Ball takes place at the City Hall to-night.

One Chinese case of enteric fever was reported during the 24 hours ended yesterday.

A Chinese shopkeeper of No. 31, D'Agular Street reports that yesterday afternoon his partner absconded with \$470 which had been entrusted to him to deliver to some customers.

We regret to announce the death last night of one of our oldest composers, Mr. Mok Kan Hing. He was an old member of the King Yuen guild and edited its monthly magazine.

The death took place on Wednesday of Mr. John Williams, Commissioned Boatswain of the Hongkong Naval Yard. The deceased had been ill for a brief period but only been here since October. Sympathy will be felt for his widow and daughter who are in England. The funeral took place yesterday and amongst those present at the interment were the Commodore of H.M. Dockyard (Commander W. Bowden-Smith C.B.C.), and Commander F. M. Hodgson (also of H.M. Dockyard). Contingents from all the Naval ships on the station were also present. As a mark of respect the flags of Naval squadrons were lowered to half mast throughout the day.

All firms clubs, etc., who have not yet returned particulars for insertion in the Dollar Directory are requested to do so immediately to No. 5, Wyndham Street. Particulars of new firms etc., will be gladly received for free inclusion in the Directory.

SCHOOL CRICKET.

A return match was played between the University 3rd XI and the Indian School yesterday, on the University ground and resulted in a substantial win for the school for whom O. Rumjahn, Kitchell and Ismail did very well. Scores:

UNIVERSITY.			
T. L. Cheah, c Rumjahn, b			
Curren m. out	2		
V. Vijayasee run out	2		
J. L. Youngs, c Brawn	2		
Hoalim, c L. Rumjahn, b Curren	0		
J. T. Pun, b Curren	0		
M. A. Kyum, l.b.w. Brawn	13		
E. Ho Tung, b Brawn	7		
E. K. Ong, b Brawn	12		
A. T. Bama, b Kitchell	20		
Guzdar, not out	11		
Khan, not out	0		
Extras	6		
Total	74		

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
J. S. Curren	11	40	0
A. O. Brawn	10	23	3
F. M. Arculli	12	1	0
N. B. Kitchell	1	1	0

INDIAN SCHOOL.			
S. A. R. Ismail, b Youngs	33		
J. S. Curren, c Kyum, b Youngs	32		
O. Rumjahn, b E. K. Ong	40		
Mr. A. O. Brown, c E. Ho Tung, b Pun	18		
N. B. Kitchell, b Khan	18		
F. M. Arculli, b Khan	9		
D. Mohamed, b E. K. Ong	22		
A. L. Rumjahn, b Youngs	22		
M. P. Madaf, not out	17		
M. Hassan, not out	21		
S. R. Bax, did not bat	0		
Extras	15		
Total	255		

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
J. T. Pun	16	0	70
Hoalim	8	2	27
T. L. Cheah	5	0	46
Youngs	6	0	27
Khan	5	0	29
E. K. Ong	7	0	32

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A.P.C. MAN'S-ROUGH TIM.

MR. RASMUSSEN'S GRAPHIC STORY.

"Full of beans," as the General Manager (Mr. N. L. Watson) put it this morning, Mr. J. Rasmussen, who was captured by bandits up the Bamboo River last October, resumed work with the Asiatic Petroleum Company yesterday. He looks fit and says he feels so. He is quite ready, surprising though it seems in view of his trying experience, to go up country again but he is to be kept at the Hongkong office for the time being at any rate.

Mr. Rasmussen managed to keep a diary posted up during his captivity so that when press representatives sought him out to-day he was able to give them a graphic narrative. He told this story of his adventures:

On the 1st October 1921 I was proceeding in the Company's M.B. "Naamkong" from Koo Shui to Waitsap on the Bamboo River, when about 1.15 p.m. while I was having tiffin, I was startled by a sudden volley of shots coming from the right bank of the river, to which the vessel was holding close in owing to the shallowness of the rest of the river. No warning of any kind was given and the thickness of the bamboos on the bank of the river completely concealed the attacking pirates. As soon as I realised what was the matter, I turned over the tiffin table and threw myself into the bottom of the boat, seeking shelter from the shooting from the seats surrounding the cabin, through which I thought the bullets could not penetrate. I was dismayed, however, to find them coming through one after the other and realising that it would be dangerous to remain there I took a chance from the flying bullets and leapt for the door whence I dived into the shallow river. I found my feet and stood up with my hands up facing the pirates who were beginning to come out from amongst the bamboos, shouting to them to stop firing as we were not firing at them and promising not to oppose them in looting the boat.

Thereupon they stopped shooting but threatened to reopen fire if we did not immediately get the boat alongside the bank for them to get on board. I gave the necessary order, and while one of the crew courageously started poling the "Naamkong" in, I waded ashore and handed over my watch and signet ring to the first pirates who came near me, stating they would find the rest of my things in the boat. The pirates were exceedingly fierce and I had to make myself as cool, meek and submissive as possible lest one of them should do me some serious injury. It was only when I reached the bank that I had discovered I had been wounded as follows:—One shot through the calf of my right leg, causing two holes, another one had apparently slid across the back of my left thigh causing a small furrow deep enough to lay my finger in; yet another shot, apparently one that had ricocheted, grazed the top of my right hip bone causing a lot of blue bruises all round but not much of a wound. Of the crew only one man, the Engineer, was wounded. I understand he received two flesh wounds in his thigh. The crew's part of the boat not being closed in they had found it easy to jump into the river immediately the firing started and find shelter behind the hull of the "Naamkong" where they were comparatively safe as long as the boat was between them and the pirates. I found out later that altogether between 110 and 120 rounds had been fired at the boat and it is not much short of a miracle that nobody was killed or very seriously injured. The pirates were at least 60 strong but probably had only about 40 firearms, a good number of which belonged to their chief, known by the name of Chan Tsap Yat, who did not and, I believe, never does take part in piracies.

CARRIED OFF TO HILLS.

While about a dozen or more of the pirates were engaged in looting the "Naamkong," some others came along and made it clear to me that they wanted to carry me off as well as my boy, who had a piece of this rope round his neck. I refused to go at first, drawing attention to my wounds and pointing out that it was a very serious matter to arrest a foreigner. They took no notice of my protestations, however, and with a lot of savage men with daggers drawn and guns pointed at me I had no alternative but to do as I was told. I was wet through and had on no clothes but a shirt, white trousers and a pair of socks. In this condition I was made to walk shivering for about three hours over rough mountain paths until they stopped for a rest and at 7 p.m. request gave me a pair of my own shoes and my trousers.

Throughout the afternoon march I was not allowed to quench my thirst because the pirates accorded to Chinese ideas and it was dangerous for me to drink raw water from the numerous mountain springs we passed owing to my wounds. About 5 p.m. the whole gang stopped on top of a mountain and put their loot down in a heap on the ground. One or two good natured pirates pulled out a couple of sailors uniforms and gave them to my boy and me to wear. It was here that I discovered that they had also carried off the pilot and my fox terrier pup. They proceeded to hold an auction among themselves of the stolen goods, each man's purchases being registered in a book, the amount being presumably debited to his account as no money was passed. Some little time after dark we came to a few farm houses where the gang stopped to get their "chow" and I was allowed to quench my burning thirst with the water taken from the rice after it had been boiled. Here they also took a roll call on record who had partaken in the day's work and accounted for all ammunition used in a book for that purpose. We carried on that night until about midnight when we were put up for the rest of the night in an isolated farmhouse. We stayed over here the next day but as soon as the sun had gone down we were moved on again to another farmhouse where we stayed the rest of the night and the next day.

Thus we were kept on the move for the next three nights, always changing lodgings in the dark. Then at last the chief came to see me; but it mattered not how I argued, he would not release me. I was then moved with my boy to a place about 25/30 miles inland taking nearly the whole night over the march. (Meantime I had been able to wash my wounds and bandage them up with a shirt I had torn into pieces). At this place they built a small shack of grass, leaves, etc. where we stayed for about two weeks. Then reports came of soldiers (they turned out false afterwards) and in the middle of the night of the 22nd October we were awakened and made to go to a place about two hours walk away where we spent the rest of the night as best we could under the pine trees. The following night we were again moved up to the very top of a high peak where we spent a night in a dashed charcoal oven. Again the next night we were on the march up and down mountains for many hours, and eventually about three in the morning we made our beds in a very thick jungle high up a mountain. Here we stayed for several days—it being a safe place but one day we were chased out of our hiding place because the mountain side was on fire. We did not have to go very far away but spent the night sleeping absolutely in the open on a grass covered hillside. When we woke up in the morning our cotton blanket was wet through with dew. All this time there had never been more than about 4 or 5 men looking after us. The rest of the gang being engaged on other piracies now and again nearer the river and market towns.

NOTHING BUT LIES.

On the night of the 27th October we went a long way again to see the chief. He was staying with a lot of his men in a farmhouse somewhere in Kwangsi. The place was exceedingly noisy, what with a lot of the pirates' womenfolk about and the pirates behaving like a lot of coolies having a lark all the time. They felt perfectly secure in this place, their outposts being continually on the watch. I had a few words with the chief but the position looked as hopeless as ever—he had nothing to encourage me with but lies. Indeed I was told lie upon lie every day just to encourage me and keep me from doing something desperate. On the night of the 29th, October we were moved on to a other farmhouse with only two or three men looking after us, and the pilot who had hitherto been separated from us was thrown into our party. We stayed at this farmhouse for a few days and then moved a little up a nearby hill to live in another grass shack built for us. Here we had a long stay, taking us up to the 19th November, when the chief came along to say that we would be released in a few days and made us move to a small farmhouse a couple of hours' walk away. Here we stayed about two days and were then moved on to a small hut up a hill side close to a farmhouse where I knew the chief and some of his gang were staying. On the 28th November, I was told I was to be released that night. I had been exceedingly ill since the 20th

LOCAL MERGER FAILS.

HONGKONG HOTEL AND DAIRY FARM PROPOSAL DROPPED.

The *China Mail* is authoritatively informed that the proposed amalgamation between the Hongkong Hotel and the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., has been abandoned.

FIRES.

One at 61, Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, early morning. Medicine shop and piece-goods. Damage about \$7,000. Brigade saved adjoining premises. Both carried insurance. Brigade out immediately after in Shek-tong-tsi, Third Lane. Camphor wood store. Merry blaze, of course. Place gutted. Firemen saved neighbouring property, finishing job about eight.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

THIS IS ONE OF 'EM: SEE TO-DAY'S LEADER.

Sir,—As an ex-service man who was wounded in France in 1916, may I assure you that we do not all feel as does Mr. J. E. O. Ollerton? I do not admit that it is "a good cause" which seeks to perpetuate international ill-feeling, to differentiate between killers (like myself) and sufferers who stayed at home.

I lost nearly all my personal friends in the War, and ask nothing so much as to forget it. The project of helping only ex-service men is wrong; all who need it should be helped. The way to do this is to sink differences and their financial burden, to help everyone who is not as rich as oneself, and to give the time at present spent in talking of the last war to prosecuting the next—the War against the evil distribution (or lack of distribution) of property.

Yours faithfully,

SOME.

Hongkong, December 22, 1921.

my stomach being completely out of order and I had very high fever.

THE RESCUE.

Some time after midnight on the 24th we heard a lot of firing below the hill near the farmhouse where the chief and others had been until a few hours previously. The two pirates who were looking after us immediately blew out the lantern they had and went outside where they emptied a rifle and decamped in the opposite direction. A few minutes later the soldiers came up firing their guns, blowing bugles and shouting etc. They found us, my boy, the pilot and myself as well as the dog all alone and they were not long in procuring a chair for me and setting out on the long looked for homeward journey. We were, it transpired, right in Kwangsi province and to get back to the Bamboo River took us no less than the whole of the rest of that night and up to about 3 p.m., the next day. The journey down river was continued at once and eventually we reached Canton safely on the following Sunday afternoon, November 27. I was naturally curious as to how my release had been effected and on questioning the officers in charge of the soldiers I was told that they had intimidated the pirates to such an extent that they had been forced to release me.

While I was in captivity my chief difficulty was in getting suitable food. At first I refused absolutely, to eat rice, but eventually I could not help it. It was probably the rice which led to my stomach trouble as this was local stuff of very poor quality and contained a lot of sand paddy. Sometimes I got eggs and condensed milk whenever the man who looked after me had money and was sufficiently generous. The first two or three weeks, before I took to rice I lived almost entirely on Chinese bananas and eggs. Another article of food I sometimes received was, of course, chicken, but that was considered to be a luxury, the price being 30/40 cts. a catty and it was usually only when the chief was near that I got any. My boy's favourite dish was dog's meat but he only got that once. As for the country people we came into contact with, while in some cases they were obviously just pirates in disguise or men with two professions—farmers and pirates—in other cases it was clear that they merely assisted the pirates through fear of them. The pirates themselves were of varied description. Those who were at the head of things were certainly ex-soldiers—either disbanded or deserters, while the rest seemed to be country people picked up in the local way to do the manual part of the business, e.g. carrying off the loot and going to market etc.

FOOTBALL.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

The following League Matches will be played to-morrow:

FIRST DIVISION.
"Cairo" v. R.G.A., Sookumpoo ground.
Police v. Club, Navy "A" ground.
"Titania" v. "Arabrose," Navy "B" ground.
Kowloon v. Wilts, Kowloon ground.
Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

SECOND DIVISION.
South China "B" v. South China "A," Navy "B" ground.
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon, St. Joseph's ground.
United v. University, United ground.
R.G.A. Res. v. Wilts Res. Sookumpoo ground.
Kick off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

In the First Division, the Chinese should be playing "Cairo," but the latter are away. I heard that the "Tamar"—Chinese match was going to be brought forward, but the Sailors are unable to field a team. The Chinese therefore stand off.

"Cairo" meet the Gunners at Sookumpoo and a very even game should be seen, with the Sailors getting slightly the better of the game. They will win by a narrow margin.

The Police v. Club fixture should play a good game. I understand that the "Coppers" front line will be altered, Grimmett and Alexander coming in, in place of Mair and Valentine. The Club will be without Begg, who was injured last week. A draw is a likely result of this fixture.

The Depot ships meet on Navy "B" ground. A robust game should be seen, both teams have new players turning out. I think the "Titania" should just win.

Kowloon's lucky star will have to shine pretty brightly to-morrow if it wants them to beat the Soldiers. The Wilts have a good team and I think will prove too good for the Kowloon lads.

In the Second Division the game between the two Chinese teams will attract a large crowd of supporters. Both are playing well. Although the "A" eleven are slightly better, I should not be surprised if the result was a draw.

Kowloon Res. should beat St. Joseph's. The United v. University game will be fast, I think the University will win.

The Wilts Res. should draw with the Gunners' second eleven.

The Club second string and the Punjabis stand off this week.

For the Xmas Holidays some good games have been arranged. On Monday, the 26th, the England v. Scotland match will be played. On Tuesday, the 27th, the Chinese will meet a team picked from the United Services. Both games are on the Club ground, kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp. As the proceeds of both matches will go to charity it is to be hoped large crowds will attend and financially assist by their presence.

OFFSIDE.

KINEMA NOTES.

"MY LADY'S DRESS."

The well-known British Players, Gladys Cooper and Malcolm Cherry figure in "My Lady's Dress," a magnificent picture of 7 parts, written by Edward Knoblock, which is going to be shown at the World Theatre this evening and for 3 successive evenings at 9.15 p.m. When "My Lady's Dress," Edward Knoblock's splendid play, was staged with such tremendous success at the Royal Theatre and created a furor in the theatre world, more than one critic, remarked how peculiarly well the plot would lend itself to the vast possibilities of the screen.

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SPORT.

LOCAL POLO.

ARMY WINS "KOYLI" CUP.

On the Polo Club ground at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon, the final match for the "Koyli" cup was played between the home team and the Army IV. Lieut.-Col. Wyndham and the Officers of the Wiltshire Regiment were at home to their friends on the ground, and the Band of the Regiment rendered some fine selections. There was a large gathering of spectators, amongst them being H.E. the Governor, H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, the Admiral, and the Chief Justice.

The teams fielded as follows:—
Army.—Lieut. R. P. Beaven (1), Lieut. C. Sargeant (2), Lieut. J. M. Dodington (3) and Major Timmis (back).

Club.—P.A. Cox (1), J.E.G. Bibby (2), J. Bell-Irving (3) and Brig.-Gen. E.B. Macnaghten (back).

Four chukkas were played, and the match was keenly contested throughout, and although the Army won by four goals to one, the result did not give an accurate indication of the standard of play. Individually, there was little to choose between the players of either side, but the Army IV showed more knowledge of each other's play, and good combination carried them through to victory. They were also better mounted. On the play, the Club IV did not deserve to lose so heavily, and they had very hard luck in not scoring an offener. Of course, credit must not be denied to Major Timmis, who, at back, was safe and contributed much towards the Civilian's failure.

FIRST CHUKKA.

The game opened mildly with some pretty midfield play, and it was some time before either side could gain any advantage. The Army were the first to attack. Sargeant and Beaven put in some good work which took them well in, only to be checked by Macnaghten in the nick of time. These two players combined excellently, and gave the Civilian much trouble. However, Macnaghten was equal to the occasion and was successful in keeping them out of the whole of this chukka. He had a lot of work to do, and tackled it in a convincing and business-like manner. He was a thorn in the side of the attackers, and a great stickler, and try as they would they could not shake him off. This chukka closed with the score sheet blank.

SECOND CHUKKA.

The Army employed new tactics in this session. Sargeant and Dodington came in for a lot of work. They tackled it in convincing manner. They both worked their way well in. Sargeant drew Macnaghten and then passed to Dodington, and the latter scored with a beautiful drive. The Club broke away after this, but they were pulled up by Timmis, who put Sargeant on possession. Well mounted, the latter raced down the field, and swerving out as he came up to Macnaghten, sent in a cross-shot which just hit the inside of the goal post and went in. It was a clever shot, and won for Sargeant much well earned applause. The Army led 2-0 when a halt was called.

THIRD CHUKKA.

The Club came out strongly in this chukka, and there was no stopping them. They raced down the field in grand style, combining excellently, and were soon well in. Then Bibby, who

was favourably placed, obtained possession, and getting past Timmis, drove the ball straight into the goal. It was a pretty goal, the result of real hard work. The Army returned to the attack. There was an exciting mix-up in front of goal, and then the ball suddenly went through, putting the Army two up again. There were no more scores in this chukka, which closed 3-1 in favour of the Army.

LAST CHUKKA.

This was the most exciting chukka of the match. Both sides went all out, and the game soon assumed a furious pace, with the Club attacking with determination. Bibby had very hard luck in missing the goal with a straight backhand which just went wide. The Club pressed for the best part of this chukka, but luck did not favour them, and many almost certain shots were stopped in the nick of time. Just before the final whistle, the Army made their final attack with Beaven and Sargeant putting in some fine combination play which soon put the opposing goal in danger. Sargeant scored just on time and the Army ran out winners by 4 goals to 1.

At the end of the game, H. E. the Governor handed the cup to Major Timmis, the captain of the winning team. His Excellency congratulated the Army team on its success. As this was probably the last opportunity he would have of seeing the members of the Wiltshire Regiment together, H.E. the Governor said he would like to take the opportunity of saying how sorry the whole Colony was to lose them. They would carry away the good wishes of everyone on leaving and he hoped they would have as successful a time in India as they had had here.

Major Timmis, in acknowledgment, thanked H.E. the Governor for his remarks and said that the Battalion had thoroughly enjoyed its stay in the Colony and would leave it with real regret.

CRICKET.

C.S.C.C. "A" v. H.K.C.C.

The following will represent the C.S.C.C. on the C.S.C.C. ground at 2 p.m., on Tuesday next.—W. H. Edmonds (Capt.), H. E. Strang, F. J. Ling, W. Thornton, C. J. Tacchi, H. Sandford, E. C. Fincher, E. E. Dunkley, R. C. Witcheil, J. C. Fletcher, W. Cowan.

K.C.C. v. NAVY.

There will be a friendly match: K.C.C. v. Navy on Boxing Day commencing at 10.30 a.m. The following have been selected to represent K.C.C.:—J. P. Robinson, J. Stalker, C. L. Braga, C. I. Stapleton, C. Dance, F. B. Lawrence, F. G. Thompson, C. Russell, H. Overy, L. J. Blackburn, E. F. Spinks. Reserves A. O. Brown.

I.R.C. v. C.R.C.

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their friendly match against the C.R.C. on the latter ground tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.—S. H. Ismail, S. Abbas, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail, N. B. Kitchell, J. S. Curreen, S. A. R. Ismail, O. Rumjahn, A. K. Minn and F. M. Arculli.

FOOTBALL.

UNITED v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the United in the above League Second Division Fixture, on Saturday, Dec.

24, on the United Ground. Kick-off 2.30 p.m.—Beach, Bradley, Hopper, Leonard, Brown, Urquhart, Hyder, Watkins, May, Simmons, Payne, Reserve: Blake.

HONGKONG CLUB v. POLICE.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club in a league match against the Police on Saturday Dec. 24, on the "A" ground at 4 o'clock.—G. Rodger, J. McCubbin, W. Gerard, J. W. MacPhail, J. Stewart, A. Mair, D. Banner, H. MacTavish, A. Forsyth, J. Rodger (Capt.) E. G. England.

KOWLOON MATCHES POSTPONED.

Owing to the stress of the Christmas business, which will prevent several of their players from turning out, the Kowloon Football Club have been compelled to put off their Saturday's football league fixtures. The matches concerned are as follows:—Kowloon 1st XI v. Wits, and Kowloon 2nd XI v. St. Joseph's.

BA'FOUR AND A PRIZE FIGHTER.

American Newspaper men at the armament conference who have been looking about for some public figure to size up with Arthur J. Balfour have hit on a prize fighter—a welter weight named Cross. It is no reflection on the English diplomat, for the comparison is not made as to mentality. The similarity between Balfour and Cross lies in the common trick of technique. The prize fighter had a habit of appearing groggy at certain stages of a contest and when his opponent tried to take the advantage Cross would come out of it and put him to sleep.

Balfour's favourite trick of wits is to give the impression that he is panicky whenever an embarrassing question is presented him. Then he comes back with an answer that is crushing and looks about as if to say, "Are there any more who would like to have a bit of a go?"

The Englishman may not feel flattered to be compared with an American welter weight, but it will be all right if his sense of humor is as keen as his wits. But if it is purely of the English variety it may take quite a while for Balfour to appreciate that it is intended as a compliment and not a reflection on his statesmanship.



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 The P. & O. s.s. "Egypt" left London on Nov. 22 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong about Dec. 27.
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